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MVED officers arrest suspect

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The suspect accused of aggravated assault on a state Motor Vehicle Enforcement police officer last week was arrested Tuesday and charged with several felony counts.

Joshua J. Gibson, 28, West Valley City, was booked into Salt Lake County Jail and charged with aggravated assault of a police officer, hit and run, two vehicle theft counts, possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia.

Gibson is also wanted on a prior warrant of aggravated assault.

On April 28, a Motor Vehicle Enforcement Division (MVED) officer escaped serious injury after his police vehicle was rammed by a truck allegedly driven by Gibson in Taylorsville. The suspect fled the scene and abandoned that vehicle in a nearby school parking lot.

MVED officers received tips from earlier news reports and made the arrest at a Salt Lake tow yard after Gibson left the parked vehicle. That vehicle, a 2008 Dodge Charger is also reported stolen and allegedly displayed stolen license plates.

Motor Vehicle Enforcement is a division of the State Tax Commission that regulates the commercial vehicle sales industry and specializes in recovery of stolen vehicles and motor vehicle fraud.

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